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Title: Need to allot land on lease to Andhra Pradesh State Warehousing Corporation to undertake export and import of foodgrains.

DR. M.V.V.S. MURTHI (VISAKHAPATNAM): Sir, Andhra Pradesh State Warehousing Corporation (APSWC) is the sole storage organisation in Andhra Pradesh with an equity participation of 50:50 by the State Government and the Central Warehousing Corporation. The Government of Andhra Pradesh wants to take up activities aligned to the Vision 2020 to make the State a top logistic hub in the country for storage. Andhra Pradesh is one of the major rice-producing States and has the distinction of having two major ports namely, Visakhapatnam and Kakinada, ideally suited for bulk handling of foodgrains and other items for import and export purposes.

The APSWC has taken initiatives for identifying the land for the purpose of construction of godowns on the coast of Visakhapatnam in the port area. I request the Union Government to accord the required clearance to the Chairman, Vizag Port Trust to allot the identified land on lease, or on nomination basis, immediately to take up warehousing for export and import of foodgrains.